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OUR SAINTED DEAD

These All Died in the Faith

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

David Allen Boddie
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CONFERENCE ROLL

Ministers

Note: Figures on the left indicate the year of admission into the Conference.

Year	Name	Address
1881	Platt, W. M	Monroe, La.
1885	Fowler, W. P.	Oak Grove. La.
1897	Brown, G. J. L.	Ball. La.
1898	Hearn, E. O.	Chatam, La.
1901	Bartlett, M. E.	Phoenix, Ariz.
1902	Shows, F. Lyman	Pollock, La.
1903	Dunn, W. S.	
1903	Reid, J. F.	Winnfield, La.
1904	Perdue, Mary E	Atlanta, Texas
1906	Lewis, J. H.	
1907	Holt, J. A.	Atlanta, Texas
1910	Lee, J. W	Grayson, La.
1910	Downs, J. R	West Monroe, La.
1911	Dennard, E. A.	Gibbsland, La.
1912	Griffin, B. F.	Athens, La.
1912	Wardlow, Lula	Montgomery, La.
1913	Riley, J. A.	Trout, La.
1916	Harris, W. W	Fouke, Ark.
1917	Strozier, James R	Montgomery, La.
1921	Yeager, Ira L.	Monroe, La.
1917-24	Williams, J. A. D	Jefferson, Texas
1917	Strozier, John M	Jena. La.
1915	Cantley, H. H. Ragsdale. W. F.	Atlanta, Texas
1920	Ragsdale. W. F.	Simsboro, La.
1924	Walker, Richard M.	Chatam, La.
1921	McVey, G. A.	Ball, La.
1923	Kendrick, Bessie	Olla, La.
1914-25	Stewart, O. W.	Pollock, La.
1910-27	Rockhold, G. W.	Jonesboro, La.
1898-192		Jonesboro, La.
1898-192		Monroe, La.
1928	Waller, W. T.	Jonesboro, La.
1928	Combs. J. H	Linden, Texas
	Per Morris	Atlanta. Texas
1930	Deville, A.	Farmersville, La

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Superannuated	
W. M. Platt	Columbia La
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Honorary Member	
Mrs. L. M. Paul	Jena, La.
UNDER-GRADUATES	
Third Year	
R. H. Hearn	
H. E. LaCroix	Tioga, La.
Ola Ramsey	Chatam, La.
F. L. Hearn	West Monroe, La.
L. A. Boddie	
James A. Jones	Pineville, La.
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First Year	
Jack Wiggins	Jena, La.
C. J. Cotton	Jena, La.
James Breazeal	Bastrop, La.
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Place Name	Address
Ansley—L. J. Overstreet	Ansley, La.
Colfax—C. L. Aytes	Colfax, La.
Dodson—Joel G. Smith	Dodson, La.
Chatam—John T. Head	Chatam, La.
Sunrise—Mrs. Ada Chancelor	
Evergreen—C. H. Rushing	Dodson, La.
Gravson—J. W. McKeithen	Grayson, La.
Hicks—R. L. Luther	Montgomery, La.
Jonesboro—P. C. Thomas	Jonesboro, La.
Jena—John Tarver	Jena, La.
Monroe—W. W. McDonald	Monroe, La.
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Luna—Crait Johnson	Monroe, La.
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Strickland—C. P. Curtis	
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Lewis Chapel—Mrs. Nera Smith	Winnfield, La.
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Temperance & Prohibition

J. A. Holt Mrs. Julia McCartney J. R. Downs

Appeals

J. W. McKeithen J. R. Downs W. W. McDonald

Thanks

Mrs. Ola Ramsey R. D. Friday Miss Mollye Stewart

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

The Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church assembled for the Eighty-Fourth session at Grayson, Louisiana, October 18th, 1930.

The President read the 1st chapter of 1st Peter. After engaging in earnest prayer, declared the Conference opened for business.

Upon motion the Conference bar was fixed.

Letters were read from Revs. J. M. Strozier and J. A. D. Williams and Sister Paul.

With bowed heads the Conference stood in holy reverence while the Secretary called the roll of our honored dead.

Written report from Rev. J. A. Riley and Mrs. M. E. Bartlett were read and adopted. Upon motion they were granted Evangelistic appointments.

At this time a letter message was read from Rev. W. M. Platt, our aged superannuated minister, who was very'ill and not expected to live. Following the reading of Father Platt's message, the Conference sang that old sweet song "I Am Bound for the Promised Land." Then gathered around the altar and were led in prayer by Sister Perdue.

Upon motion the Conference adjourned.

The opening sermon was ably delivered by Rev. G. J. L. Brown.

First Day Afternoon Session

Conference called to order by the President. Devotionals by Rev. E. A. Dennard. Roll was called.

Dr. A. R. Corn arrived, was introduced and addressed

the Conference upon the needs of Christian Education.

The President called Rev. G. J. L. Brown to the chair and read his report which with some amendments concerning building and improvement was adopted.

G. W. Rockhold made a verbal report which was received J. F. Reid made a verbal report which was received and

upon motion he was appointed Conference Missionary.

At this time an offering was taken for Rev. G. J

Brown, whose home was destroyed recently by fire.

Upon motion J. W. McKeithen was seated as delegate from Grayson Circuit.

The official hour for the election of Officers having ar-

rived the President appointed as Tellers: W. W. McDonald, Ira L. Yeager and James R. Strozier.

Rev. John W. Lee was elected President on the 2nd bal-

lot and upon motion the vote was made unanimous.

Mrs. Mary E. Perdue was re-elected Secretary and upon

motion the vote was made unanimous.

Rev. F. Lyman Shows was re-elected Conference Treasurer and upon motion the vote was made unanimous.

Rev. B. F. Griffin was elected Statistician.

Upon motion Standing District Committee was elected. Upon motion the Board of Church Extension was elected

At the close of the election of Officers, the retiring Pres ident after a few fitting remarks, presented the gavel to the President-Elect, who responded with a few remarks and entered immediately into his official duties.

Upon motion the Chairman of By-Laws and Rules of Order notified the Conference the necessity of reporting at once to the Committee, concerning any changes to be made in the

"By-Laws or Rules of Order."

Upon motion Dr. A. R. Corn addressed the Conference in behalf of our Westminister College located at Tehowcanna, Texas.

A telegram was received from Dr. J. H. Straughon, stating he could not reach the Conference until Monday and upon motion the hour was fixed at 8 p. m. for Dr. A. R. Corn to entertain the Conference by presenting moving pictures of our colleges and views of the Holy Land.

Motion to adjourn until 8 o'clock a. m., Monday.

Second Day Morning Session

Conference called to order by the President. Devotionals by Rev. L. A. Boddie. Roll called and minutes read and approved.

Upon motion committee on Education were excused.

Motion prevailed that no other committee be excused and that when necessary the Conference would recess for committee work.

Rev. R. M. Walker submitted his report and upon motion he was appointed Evangelistic Appointment.

Secretary announced the various committees.

Upon motion Bethlehem Church was re-instated into the Conference and G. W. Temple was seated as the delegate.

Rev. G. J. L. Brown and I. A. Patton and J. A. Holt were

appointed as a Committee to visit Father Platt and convey to him greetings and sympathy from the Conference.

Committee on By-Laws and Rules of Order gave notice and read an additional clause to be added to the "By-Laws."

Committee on Education submitted report which was

upon motion with amendment adopted.

Motion to recess until 10:30 o'clock for committee work. Conference re-assembled promptly at the appointed time

Dr. J. H. Straughan, Treasurer and Promotional Secretary of the General Conference arrived and was introduced to the Conference.

Letter report from Rev. O. W. Stewart was read and adopted. Upon motion he was granted Evangelistic appointment.

Committee on Periodicals submitted report which was adopted.

Itenerancy and Orders submitted report which was

adopted.

Committee on Missions submitted report which was adopted.

Mrs. Ola Ramsay made verbal report which was received Upon motion the 3:00 o'clock hour was fixed for Dr. Straughan to address the Conference upon the New Century Service Program and the general interest of the denomination.

Committee on Memoirs submitted report which was adopted.

Motion to adjourn until 1:30 o'clock.

Second Day Afternoon Session

Conference called to order by the President. Devotionals by Rev. J. H. Lewis. Roll call omitted.

Committee on Temperance submitted report which was adopted.

The character of W. T. Waller and J. H. Combs were passed.

Motion prevailed to fix place for next Conference. Invitations were received from Bethel, New Hope and Mt. Zion Churches. The deciding vote being cast in favor of New Hope Church near Dodson, La.

Upon motion the time was fixed to meet Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October at ten o'clock.

Committee on By-Laws and Rules of Order submitted report which was adopted.

Rev. E. A. Dennard submitted report which was adopted and upon motion he was appointed Conference Missionary

The order of the day having arrived Dr. J. H. Straughan addressed the Conference in an interesting and profitable manner.

Upon motion Grayson, La., was selected the place for the Young People's School.

Motion to adjourn.

Second Day Evening Service

Upon motion the Conference Treasurer's report was

adopted.

Rev. J. A. Downs gave an interesting report of his work as Rescue Missionary and Financial Agent for the "Home of the Good Samaritian." Upon motion his report was adopt ed and he was given the same appointment for the ensuing year.

Committee on Thanks read their report which was

adopted.

Committee on Finance submitted report which was adopted.

Upon motion Rev. R. M. Walker's Elders Credential was

duplicated.

Upon motion Rev. F. Lyman Shows was elected to serve a term of three years on the Committee on Itenerancy and Orders.

Upon motion the report of the Secretary of the Board of Church Extension was adopted.

Upon motion Rev. James Breuzeal was appointed pastor

of Sunrise and Bastrop Churches.

Upon motion Morris Lee and Rev. Lula Wardlow, Rev. Bessie Kendrix and H. E. LaCroix were granted Evangelistic appointments.

Upon motion Rev. Lula Wardlow was elected to preach the opening sermon at the next session.

Stationing Committee read their report which was received and adopted.

Motion to adjourn until 10 o'clock Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1931.

Benediction by Dr. J. H. Straughon.

THE SABBATH DAY

The Sabbath Day began with a Memorial Service in honor of the memory of Rev. Sarah A. Brady and Mrs. R. M. Walker, the wife of Rev. R. M. Walker.

MEMORIAL PROGRAM

Song		"Rock of A	ges"
		Rev. Lula War	
		Rev. G. J. L. B	
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Tributes of	respect offered by	G. J. L. Brown, G. W. H	Rock-
	ev. Mary Perdue.		
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Benediction.

Rev. A. R. Corn, pastor of Westminister College, filled the pulpit at the 11 o'clock hour. His message was inspirational and very helpful to all.

The afternoon service was devoted to Denominational Day. At the close of this service a special offering of \$1,025.00 was pledged for our Westminister College at Tehaucanna. Texas.

Sunday Evening Service

Mrs. La Mance, National Temperance Lecturer for the W. C. T. U., addressed the Conference upon timely subjects after which the pulpit was ably filled by Rev. F. Lyman Shows, our pastor at Grayson, La.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the members of the Louisiana Annual Conference of

the Methodist Protestant Church—Greetings:

Immediately after the close of our last Conference I began my work as President of the Conference and have endeavored to discharge my duty throughout the year however I have failed to accomplish all that I had planned because of conditions over which I had no control.

OFFICIAL:

On the first day of November I released H. E. LaCroix

from Luna Circuit and supplied the several churches composing this Circuit as follows:

Antioch—I. A. Patton; Luna—F. L. Hearn; Walnut Grove and Pine Grove—R. H. Hearn.

In November I gave E. W. Corley a letter of standing, in a few days he returned the letter stating that he wished remain a member of this Conference; in a few weeks he wired me to send him a letter which I did.

Nov. 28th, I received E. M. Mouser's resignation as pastor of Campbells Chapel Church. He informing me that he had united with the M. E. Church, South. Later I appointed J. R. Downs, pastor of Campbells Chapel Church.

In November 1 appointed H. H. Cantley, pastor of Evergreen Circuit. In January I appointed Mrs. Mary Perdue pastor of Jonesboro Circuit.

NECROLOGY:

One of our faithful ministers Rev. Sarah A. Brady and Mrs. R. M. Walker, wife of Rev. R. M. Walker, have departed this life during this Conference year. We have sustained a great loss in the home going of these dear ones. The Committee of Memoirs will arrange for the Memorial service.

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENTS:

Strickland Charge, new parsonage erected.

Barrons Chapel, Church painted and other repairs on the building.

Hecks Circuit, inside improvements on Mt. Zion Church.
Urania, light fixtures installed and other improvements
on inside.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1st—Recommend that the Pastors and the Churches in their charge to observe the Special Days with a suitable program.

2nd—The General and Annual Conference officials in their meeting last May considered a program in behalf of the New Century Service to be submitted to the Annual Conferences and I recommend that this Conference consider this matter.

Now, we have come to the close of another Conference year, I suggest that we in the language of St. Paul "Forget the things that are behind and reach forth unto those things which are before and press toward the mark of the High Calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Respectfully submitted, E. O. HEARN

FATHER PLATT'S LETTER

Columbia, La., Oct. 17, 1930.

To the Brothers and Sisters of 84th Annual Session of Loui-

siana Conference, Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I am writing to you to let you know that I have never wanted to be at an annual Conference any more than I want to be at this one. I am hoping and praying that this will be the most spiritual session that we have had in many years.

While I cannot be with you in person, I am with you in spirit, and my prayers will follow you through the entire conference.

As I alone am the only living father of this conference, I wish to say to you all that I believe that Heaven is a Holy place, that God is a Holy God; that the Bible teaches us that without Holiness no man shall see the Lord.

I also believe in the Holy Trinity—God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost, and that each of these has it's distinct office to perform. That of the Father is to create That of the Holy Ghost is to regenerate, to sanctify and to make clean; that of the Son is to redeem. So the Savior, while here, suffered and died to redeem a lost world, and, just previous to his crucifixion, called the disciples together and said. "I am no more in the world, but these are in the world. I sanctify myself that they also may be sanctified; and not only they, but all that believe on me through their word."

As the only living father of this conference, it seems to me like a blessed family reunion. Being a minister in this Church for sixty years, I know something of its trials, struggles and growth, and could tell many a true account of great revivals of religion when this Church was in its first feeble beginning in this State.

I have been through great physical hardships in the remote, practically unsettled portions of this State trying to do my humble part in bringing souls to Christ. That, as I

look back today, has been the greatest joy of my life.

As I look into the future my greatest wish is to see this Church prosper. May you hold on to the faith; may you cling to God's love as the most precious gift available in this world.

As a Father in this Conference, I would like to make a request that we convert this hour into a Second Penticost. I wish to choir to sing "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand," with the chorus "I Am Bound for the Promised Land," while all of God's children, preachers, delegates and all come to the Altar and re-consecrate their lives to the service of The Almighty, so that He in His infinite love and mercy will bestow on you a fresh baptism of the Holy Ghost.

While you are at the altar, kindly remember me. an old Father of this Conference, in your prayers. May God's love

be with you all.

REVEREND W. M. PLATT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATION

We your Committee on Education submit this our report:

It is universally conceded that we are in a progressive age and that more efficient men and women are needed in all walks of life.

No community or people, no organized body politically or religiously will ever rise higher than the institution in its midst. As a Methodist Protestant people we will not make more progress than the several units which compose or make the whole body.

Each minister and preacher is a part of this great unit and in proportion to the labors rendered whether it be efficient or inefficient so will it effect the cause for which it stands. Never before in our religious history have we had

to meet with greater responsibilities.

The world is demanding educated thought and progress which is our privilege and duty to obtain. Therefore, to meet the demands upon us we must have an educated ministry. We recommend first:

That the ministers and preachers of this Conference insist upon their congregation taking advantage of the wonderful opportunity affording them and that we place ourselves on record as being ardent supporters of all our denominational Institutions and that each minister put forward a greater effort to place the church paper in the homes of our people.

We further recommend that every young man or woman coming into this conference and undertaking the great task of preaching the gospel must do all in their power to attend one of our colleges and become better prepared to discharge the duties enjoined upon them.

It is the opinion of those already preaching the gospel that they are greatly in need of more learning. This alone should serve as an incentive to our young preachers to strive to acquire this needed preparation before going into active service.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. STROZIER
MISS MOLLYE STEWART
IRA L. YEAGER

MISSIONS

We your Committee on Missions submit this our report:

First, that our conference do all in its power to support the Missionary program as set forth by the General Board of Missions realizing fully that no Church can prosper in the will of God without a Missionary Spirit.

May the ears of the Louisiana Conference be opened to hear again the Master's divine command: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Second, that every pastor urge his entire membership with himself to adopt the systematic plan of giving as taught in the word of God.

Third, we wish to encourage our pastors to assist our Womens Missionary Branch in getting Auxiliaries organized at all the churches where such organization has not been perfected.

And that they carry into effect the new program as outlined by the General Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. LULA WARDLOW P. C. THOMAS C. L. AYTES

PERIODICALS

We recommend that our pastors subscribe and read care fully each week our own great church organ "The Methodist Protestant Recorder" and that we encourage our people ev-

erywhere to subscribe for same.

We further recommend that we use our own Sunday School Literature as it is second to none. And as far as practicable we patronize our own publishing houses for all books we may need, keeping in our own church the profits derived therefrom.

F. LYMAN SHOWS M. G. LEE J. C. JORDEN

BY LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER

We your Committee on By-Laws and Rules of Order submit the following:

We recommend that the following be added to our By-

Laws and Rules of Order.

That no minister or preacher who are members of this Louisiana Conference shall intrude themselves on any Station, Circuit or Mission without first receiving an invitation or permission from the pastor in charge of said work.

Respectfully submitted,

G. J. L. BROWN I. A. PATTON JNO. T. HEAD

TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

We your Committee submit the following report:

Realizing that the 18th amendment of the Constitution of the United States has been brought about as a result of the united effort on the part of the Christian Churches of our land, therefore, be it resolved;

That the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church now in session at Grayson, La., go on record as standing for the enforcement of the Prohibition Law.

We further recommend that our ministers and preachers preach often on the subject of the enforcement of the law and to assist the officers in enforcing the law.

Be it further resolved that all pastors and ministers

preach against the use of tobacco in all of its forms.

J. A. HOLT J. R. DOWNS MRS. JULIA McCARTNEY

PASTORS REPORT

We your committee on Pastors Report submit the following:
We have carefully examined and corrected to the best
of our knowledge all reports that have been submitted to us.

Respectfully,

J. F. REID H. L. GARLINGTON W. F. RAGSDALE

CONFERENCE TREASURER

Collected	\$590.91						
To General Conference							
Annual Conference							
Church ExtensionConference Secretary							

Conference Journals Superannuate Fund Conference Treasurer General Conference Delegate	40.68 40.68 20.34 10.17
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F. LYMAN SHOWS, Treasurer

CHURCH EXTENSION

On hand at beginning	\$453.91
Received from Conference Treasurer	40.68
Disbursements	
In hands of Conference Treasurer	\$ 62.00
Loan to Dodson Church	100.00
Paid on Bastrop Church	176.00
	\$338.00
Expense	
Expense of Secretary-Treasurer	\$10.00
Committee meetings	

J. W. LEE

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

we your committee submit	the following.
Presidents Salary	\$1,200.00
Annual Conference	
Distributed as fo	ollows:
Church Extension	30 per cent
Conference Journals	22 1-2 per cent
Conference Secretary	22 1-2 per cent
Superannuated Fund	
Conference Treasurer	5 per cent

General Conference Delegate _______10 per cent Yew Century Service ______\$4,000.00

Apportionment to be worked through the President and

astors.

Annual conference apportioned to each charge to be equal or the same as the President's Salary.

Each Evangelist and Missionary to be assessed \$5.00

This assessment to be applied on the President's salary.

We recommend that the Secretary notify each pastor, missionary and evangelist the total amount of their assessment.

J. R. DOWNS J. W. McKEITHEN W. W. McDONALD

ITENERANCY AND ORDERS

We your committee recommend:

First, that R. H. Hearn, H. E. LaCroix, F. L. Hearn, Mrs. Ola Ramsey and L. A. Boddie be passed to the third years course of study. That James A. Jones be passed into the third year conditioned that he complete some unfinished work in the second year's course.

Second, that W. G. Fussell be dropped from the Confer-

ence Course of Study.

Third, that Paul Durbin, C. J. Cotton, Jack Wiggins coming properly recommended be admitted into the Conference and be placed in the first year's Course of Study.

Fourth, that James Breazel also coming properly recommended be given Probationary Relationship with this Conference and placed in the first years Course of Study.

Fifth, we recommend that A. Deville be re-instated into

the full connection of this Conference.

Sixth. we further recommend that all of the undergraduates serving an appointment be granted "License to Administer the Ordinances."

> Respectfully submitted, F. LYMAN SHOWS MRS. LULA WARDLOW IRA L. YEAGER

NEW CENTURY SERVICE PROGRAM FOR 1930-1931 FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE CONSIDERATION

Dear Brethren:-

The meeting of the General and Annual Conference officials held in Baltimore last May considered and approved the following program in behalf of New Century Service and I was authorized to submit it to our Conferences at their annual meetings this fall. It is not a complicated plan but one which if followed through should be productive and satisfactory. I am therefore asking you to give this paper your earnest consideration and approval.

- 1. The Conference is requested to authorize a visitation of all the churches within its district, under conference direction and soon after adjournment, for the presentation of the question of the annual and general conference benevolents; to discuss with the officials of the churches particularly the occasion and need of these budgets and to secure a definite decision on the part of the churches of their cooperation.
- 2. In order to make this Visitation the Conference is further asked to raise up a Committee or Commission, with the President as chairman, to direct the activities necessary. This may be the New Century Service Commission, the Budget Committee or a special Visitation Committee as the Conference may prefer. This Visitation is to be made by the ministers and laymen of the Conference selected by the directing committee.
- 3. The New Century Service office in Baltimore will be prepared to put into the hands of the committee further definite plans for Conference organization for this visitation as well as plans for the local churches. These of course may be supplemented or amended by the local groups.
- 4. The Secretary of the Conference is requested to notify my office as early as possible the action of your Conference and to send me the names, with addresses, of the members of the Conference Committee.
- 5. I enclose herewith a form for the arrangement of the Conference Minutes which also was approved at the Officials Conference. It is part of an effort to secure a uniform arrangement for all our Conference Minutes. There is now a great diversity. Your Conference is asked to adopt this general outline which is sufficiently flexible to accommodate itself to all annual Conference requirements.

I trust your session may be blessed of the Lord and that your coming year may bring great fruitage to the Kingdom.

Fraternally yours,

JAMES H. STRAUGHN, Secretary-Treasurer for Promotional Work.

New Century Service office 516 No. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.

APPOINTMENTS

Place	Churches	Pastor
Arcadia	Bethlehem Black Lake Cross Roads Spring Hill	B. F. Griffin Pres. Salary \$80.00
Monroe	Monroe	Ira L. Yeager Pres. Salary \$65.00
Dry Prong	Dry Prong Bentley	H. E. LaCroix Pres. Salary \$35.
Chatam	Concord Mt. Pleasant Zoor	J. R. Strozier Pres. Salary \$65.00
Grayson	Grayson Shiloh Kelly	F. Lyman Shows Pres. Salary \$150.00
Ansley	Ansley	Ira L. Yeager Pres. Salary \$65.00

Dodson	Dodson Antioch	E. O. Hearn Pres. Salary \$45.
Strickland	Clear Creek Ball Bethel	W. F. Ragsdale Pres. Salary \$60.00
Bastrop	Bastrop Sunrise	James Breazeal Pres. Salary \$40.
Urania	Urania	Mary E. Perdue Pres. Salary \$30.
Campbell Circuit	Campbell Chap New Hope Lewis Chapel	l. A. Patton Pres. Salary \$80.00
Jonesboro	Jonesboro Bear Creek Center Point	Mary E. Perdue Pres. Salary \$40.00
Luna	Luna I	Falcomb Hearne Pres. Salary \$20.00
Pine Grove	Pine Grove Walnut Grove	R. H. Hearn Pres. Salary \$20.
Winfield	Winfield Antioch Evergreen Couley	H. H. Cantley Pres. Salary \$40.00
Heflin	Heflin	G. J. L. Brown Pres. Salary \$10.00

Jena	Jena Belah Pollock Lewis Chapel	J. C. Hearn Pres. Salary \$60.00
Hicks	Mt. Zion Hollens Chapel Mt. Nebo Bethel	G. A. McVey Pres. Salary \$75.00
Queen City	Courtland Knights Bluff	Unsupplied Pres. Salary \$50
Roberts Mission	Concord	Morris Lee Pres. Salary \$10
Spring Hill	Spring Hill P	J. A. Jones res. Salary \$20.00
Colfax	Colfax	Lula Wardlow Pres. Salary \$25

Evangelists

J. A. Riley, Mrs. M. E. Bartlett, O. W. Stewart, Morris Lee, Mrs. Lula Wardlow, Mrs. Bessie Kendricks, H. E. LaCroix, Mrs. Ola Ramsey

Conference Missionaries

E. A. Dennard, J. A. Holt, O. W. Stewart, J. H. Lewis

Superintendent Home of Good Samaritian J. R. Downs

Without Appointment

W. T. Waller, J. A. D. Williams, J. H. Combs, J. M. Strozier, A. Deville

Notice

Each Evangelist and Missionary were assessed \$5.00, this assessment to be applied on the President's Salary.

MEMOIRS

We your committee submit this report:

We know that God doeth all things well, yet, hearts have been made sad over the death of our sister Mrs. Sarah A. Brady, who has gone home from the field of labor to be with Jesus.

We also record the home going of the wife of Rev. R. M. Walker, another home has suffered a loss yet we feel that heaven has been made richer for we are assured that the death of the Saints are precious in His sight.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. BESSIE KENDRICK
G. J. L. BROWN
R. M. WALKER

THANKS

We the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church tender our thanks to the people of Grayson, Louisiana and the pastor of this church for the royal manner they have entertained us during this Conference.

They shall always have a warm place in our hearts and we shall ever remember the gracious and enjoyable time spent with them.

May God's richest blessings be upon Grayson and her people.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS MOLLYE STEWART MRS. OLA RAMSEY

BY-LAWS

Section 1. No delegates shall be entitled to a seat in the Annual Conference without proper credentials or other satisfactory evidence of his election; and in case of alternate, the certificate shall so express it.

Section 2. Delegates to the Annual Conference shall be elected from the members in good standing and in full membership, over the age of fifteen years. In circuits, stations and missions, it shall be the duty of the Steward to designate the time and place and give notice of election. The election shall be held under the direction of the Stewards; and they shall act as judges of the election and cause the same to be returned to the Fourth Quarterly Conference, there to be compiled and consolidated. The person or persons receiving a plurality vote shall be declared duly elected delegate or delegates and next highest shall be declared alternate or alternates, and receive certificates accordingly: provided that in the case of a tie, member of Quarterly Conference, by a majority vote shall decide; and provided further, that in case the delegate and alternate elected from any work are providentially hindered from attending the Annual Conference to which they were elected then the pastor in charge shall have the right to appoint a suitable person to represent the work in the Conference. That no one, especially the men shall be allowed to vote for delegate who does not contribute regularly for the support of the pastor and the claims of the General Annual Conference.

Section 3. No person shall be elected to orders, except they be persons of exceptional moral character, genuine pietv. respectable attainment and sound in the belief of the fundamental doctrine of Christianity and faithful in the discharge of gospel duties.

Section 4. No minister in good health shall be left without ministerial work for more than two years at the end of which time he shall resume his itinerate labors, or be transferred to the unstationed list, and if so transferred shall receive a certificate of his standing. This rule shall apply to any minister so transferred provided he, at his own request, may locate by vote of the conference.

Section 5. No minister or preacher appointed to a cirscuit, station or mission, shall cease from labors assigned him by the stationing authority until his term of service shall have expired, except by consent of the President, for reason by him deemed expedient.

Section 6. The Secretary shall furnish each pastor with a condensed blank PASTORS report at least ten days prior to the opening of each session of the Annual Conference that each pastor during the morning of the second day of Conference hand their reports to the Committee on Pastors Reports and that as soon as passed upon by committees and Conference said report shall be delivered to Conference Steward for his action, then to the Statistical Secretary for final disposition. Should any pastor fail to comply with this rule for the first offense he shall be reprimanded by the President and for the second offense shall be located by a majority vote of the Conference. That the Evangelists and Conference Missionaries read their report to the Conference. We recommend that when the President visits a pastoral charge that he first converse freely with the pastor as to the sniritual and financial condition of the charge and that he insist on a strict obedience of the yows made when uniting with the church.

Section 7. The Board of Stewards of each Charge shall soon after the adjournment of the Annual Conference meet and in connection with the pastor proportion the assessment made by the Fourth Quarterly Conference for the support of the pastor. The proportion to be made to each class according to ability and willingness to pay and that the Stewards see that the same is paid promptly and in connection with Section 7, we recommend that each Steward keep a non-effective roll, noting those that are able and do not contribute to the support of the pastor, the President and to the general interest of the Church and that the Stewards notify the pastor of the number of members that do not help support the Church.

Section 8. On all subjects involving the financial interest of the Church non one shall be entitled to vote except those who are eighteen years of age and are contributing members in full membership.

Section 9. Any member twenty-one years of age and in good standing and in full membership for one year is eligible to any office in the Church and as a delegate to the Annual Conference; provided that where a church, circuit, station, or mission has no member of said age, they may place in of-

fice in the church or elect as delegate to the Annual Conference such as are not twenty-one years of age and such as have not been members one year.

Section 10. Due notice shall be given previous to any action to be taken that involves the financial interest of the church.

Section 11. The term of office of Conference Steward shall be one year.

Section 12. The Conference Steward shall be required to receive and hold all moneys collected for various benevolent purposes from the different charges, also Conference collections.

Section 13. It shall be the duty of the Conference Steward to settle all incidental expenses of the Conference out of the Conference collections during the session and present the remainder to the Conference for disbursement.

Sction 14. He shall pay over to the different boards or persons authorized to receive sams all money received for the various benevolent purposes taking receipt and at which and other business in his hands shall make a proper exhibit to the Conference during the session at which he was appointed, also at the expiration of his term of office.

Section 15. At the first quarterly Conference of each Conference year the pastor shall call attention to the amount of the assessment made by the Fourth Quarterly Conference for his support during the year. Immediately after each Quarterly Conference the pastor shall call attention of each class to the amount of his salary that is unpaid and in case the pastor neglects to do this, the Steward will not be held responsible if the full amount is not paid. In connection with Section 15, we recommend that at the Fourth Quarterly Conference of each year that a circuit steward be elected whose duty it shall be to collect the general and conference claims. and forward same as soon as collected to the Conference Steward and that the Conference Steward credit same to the charge from which it came, and notify the pastor of the amount received and how appropriated. And that the pastor keep a record of same for his final report.

Section 16. There shall be appointed at each session of the Annual Conference a minister or preacher to preach an eneming sermon at the sitting of the next annual session.

Section 17. The proceedings of the Annual Conference shall be recorded by the Secretary and properly arranged

for printing in the annual minutes for which he shall receive reasonable compensation and the minutes shall be signed by the President and Secretary.

Section 18. The Secretary shall take charge of all books journals, records and proceedings of Conference and transmit the same to the Conference at its next session.

Section 19. The President shall be the stationing authority of the Conference, calling to his aid as council one layman from each work represented.

Section 20. In stationing the ministers and preachers, there shall not be given to any one appointment who in the opinion of a majority of the members is incompentent for the duties thereof, or who they believe will neglect the appointments and such ministers and preachers may be transferred by conference to the unstationed list; provided that no minister or preacher who in the judgment of the conference is ntitled to a superannuated relationship shall be transferred.

Section 21. It will be the duty of the President to see that deeds be taken to all the church property belonging to the Methodist Protestant Church in the Louisiana District and have same recorded.

Section 22. That the President, Secretary, Conference Steward and Standing District Committee shall be elected at 3:00 o'clock p. m., on the first day of each annual session of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Section 23. These by-laws can only be changed, altered or amended by giving one day's notice in open Conference of such change, alteration or amendment and it will require a two-thirds vote of the members belonging to that session of the conference.

RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. The Conference shall be opened promptly on the day and time appointed, the President conducting the devotional services. The roll shall then be called, after which the President shall read the annual report.

Section 2. During the morning of the second day of Conference all ministers and preachers under appointment

of this Conference shall hand their reports to the Committee on Pastors' Reports.

Section 3. On assigning the floor to any member of the Conference he shall distinctly announce the member to whom it is assigned.

Section 4. All motions and resolutions shall be written if the President and Secretary request.

Section 5. When a motion is seconded or a resolution in troduced and seconded or a report presented and is read by the Secretary or is stated by the President it shall be deemed in the possession of the Conference any time before the amendment or decision.

Section 6. All motions to postpone or lay on the table shall be taken without debate.

Section 7. No new motion or resolution shall be entertained until the one under consideration has been disposed of which may be done by adopting or rejecting, unless one of the following motions shall intervene, which are placed namely: First, indefinite postponement; second, laying on the table; third, referred to a committee; sixth, amendment.

Section 8. When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the Conference he shall arise and respectfully address the President but shall not proceed until recognized by him.

Section 9. No member shall be interrupted while speaking except by the President to call him to order when he departs from the question or uses personalities or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems a speaker out of order and any member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.

Section .10. When a member wishes to speak on a question of privilege, he shall briefly state the question; but it shall not be in order for him to proceed until the President shall decide it a privileged question.

Section 11. No person shall speak more than twice on the same question nor more than five minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference; nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak have spoken; provided, however, that the mover of a resolution or a committee making a report shall in all cases be entitled to five minutes to close the debate.

Section 12. When a motion or resolution shall have been acted upon by the Conference it shall be in order for any member who voted with the prevailing side to move a reconsideration but a motion to reconsider is a non-debatable motion, and must be decided without debate.

Section 13. No person shall absent himself from the Conference without leave unless he is sick or unable to attend.

Section 14. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar when such question is put by the President except by leave of the Conference when he shall be necessarily absent.

Section 15. Every member who is in the bar at the time the question is put shall give his vote, unless the Conference for special reason excuse him.

Section 16. It shall be in order for any member to call for the ayes and nays on any question before the Conference, and if the call be sustained by one-third of the members present, the vote shall be taken by the ayes and nays.

Section 17. It shall be in order to move the question be taken without further debate on any measure pending before the Conference except in cases where character is involved.

Section 18. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order and shall be decided without debate.

Section 19. The President shall appoint the chairmen of committees on subjects of general interest and notify each chairman of his appointment at least ten days before each tession of the Conference.

Section 20. The committee on examination shall be appointed one year in advance and meet at next Annual Conference one day prior to convening of that body and that the inder-graduates meet said committee for the purpose of being examined in their studies.

Section 21. No minister or preacher who are members of this Conference shall intrude themselves on any Station, Circuit or Mission without first receiving an invitation or permission from the pastor in charge.

TABLE I—MEMBERSHIP

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Ansley	J. W. Lee	\$1150		\$1160.00	\$100.00		
	B. F. Griffin	650	\$120	577.00			93.00
	I. A. Patton		Ψ	130.00			
Colfax	J. A. Jones	350		295.75			
Chatham	J. R. Strozier	610					100.00
Dodson		500		450.00			
	H. H. Cantley	150					
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Jena	Bessie Kendrick			139.30			
Jonesboro	M. E. Perdue	300	144				100.00
	R. H. Hearn	150		91.70			54.00
Lewis Chapel				100.00			25.00
Monroe	J. C. Hearn	900	300			133.50	
Mt. Nebo	T. L. Hearn	350		85.70			21.00
Pollock	F. L. Shows	100					
Queen City	M. E. Perdue	325	Ì	125.00			100.00
Roberts Mission		75		45.00			10.00
	W. F. Ragsdale	500					
Sunrise	I. A. Patton	200		140.00			
Urania	M. E. Perdue			384.00			31.08
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TABLE II—PROPERTY

Charge	Pastor	No. Church Buildings	Value of Church Property	Insurance on Church	Debt on Churches	No. Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Debt on Parsonages	Insurance on Parsonage	Con. Property Camp Ground
	J. W. Lee	2		\$1000						
Arcadia	B. F. Griffin	3	3500			1	\$ 1500		\$1000	
Antioch										
Colfax		2	1000							
Chatham		4	3500			1	1500		1000	
Dodson		2	5000							
	H. H. Cantley	1	500			1	500			
Grayson		4	5000	3000		1		800		
Hicks		3	5000	•		1	1500			\$1000
Jena		2	2000		••••••		1000			
Jonesboro		1	1000			1	1000			
Luna	R. H. Hearn	3	2000		•	•				
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Mt. Nebo			2500	1000	690	1	3500	47	1000	
Pollock		1	2000			1	1000			
Queen City		2 1 2	1000	•••••	•	1	1000			
Roberts Mission		4	1000							
	W. F. Ragsdale	4	3000			1	500			
Sunrise		1	1200	1000	160	1	500			*****
Urania	M. E. Perdue	1	3000							
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Winnfield		2	3000							
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TABLE III—FINANCES

Charge	Pastor	Promised Pastor	Parsonage Rent	Paid Pastor in Cash	Raised for Church Improvements	Raised on Church Debt	Raised for Church Expenses	Raised by S. S.	Raised by C. E.	Raised by Ladies Aid	Raised for President	Raised for Ch. Extension	Raised for Annual Con- ference Interest	Raised by Missions	Raised for Education	Raised for General Confer- ence Interest	Total Amount Raised
		\$1150		\$1160.00				\$ 20.00			\$100.00	\$56.90				\$100.00	\$ 1542.40
	B. F. Griffin		\$120				93.00	35.00		\$135.16			10.50	10.00	7.50	+	1029.66
Antioch				130.00							20.50						152.50
Colfax		350		295.75							22.88			10.00			328.63
Chatham	J. R. Strozier	610		532.00			100.00				75.90		6.00		10.00		1058.10
Dodson		500		450.00							30.50						480.50
Evergreen	H. H. Cantley	150 1200		117.00	8.00						13.20						142.20
Grayson	I. L. Yeager	650		1190.50 700.00		89.60		172.07	11.00		96.50	-	25.00			108.30	2273.57
Hicks Jena	Doggie Kondriel			139.30	111.00				30.00		35.00			10.00			960.00
Jonesboro		300	144	300.00			100.00	10 50									166.50
Luna		150		91.70			54.00										629.50
Lewis Chapel				100.00				12.00			5.00			•	•••••		171.70
Monroe	J. C. Hearn	900		660.00	0.00	133.50					56.20		80.50				136.00
Mt. Nebo		350		85.70		100.00	21.00				15.75						1344.10
Pollock		100		85.00				35.00			10.50		2.50				158.10 239.50
Queen City	M. E. Perdue	325		125.00			100.00				18.00						255.00
Roberts Mission	M G Lee	75		45.00			10.00	12.00			5.50		24.00				96.50
Strickland	W. F. Ragsdale	500		477.00			95.50	25.00	15.00		13.75		4.30			2.25	716.95
Sunrise	I. A. Patton	200	ļ	140.00	5.00]		145.00
Urania	M. E. Perdue			384.00			31.08			!'	25.00		20.00		-		504.28
West Carol	J. R. Downs	300	ļ	200.00			50.00	12.00			25.00						482.00
Winnfield	G. J. L. Brown																156.50
		\$8715	\$924	\$8151.95	\$375.05	\$263.10	\$907.68	\$514.62	\$148.24	\$466.19	\$693.30	56.90	\$180.80	\$274.70	\$17.50	\$282.55	\$12669.19



